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CATHODE SUPPORT BAR AND SUPPORT BAR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that prior to fee calculations and examination on the merits, entry of the following Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. More specifically, all of the claims, Claims 1-18 have been amended for the first time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on

page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

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